

## Ascension Catholic Parish

*Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ*

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### "Zacchaeus received Jesus joyfully"

#### Mass Times:

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday:  
9:00 AM

Tuesday - Friday:  
6:30 PM

Wednesday: *Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 6:15 PM*

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday:  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,  
12:00 PM & 4:00 PM

#### Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Saturday:  
8:30 AM - 8:55 AM

Tuesday - Thursday:  
6:00 PM - 6:25 PM

Saturday:  
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Sunday:  
7:00 AM - 7:45 AM

By Appointment

#### Adoration & Benediction:

Monday - Friday:  
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

First Friday:  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
(*Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction*)

What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others.

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honor of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine.

Today's Gospel gives one of the many examples of Christ's mission "to seek and to save what was lost". Jesus purposely sought out the marginalized people.

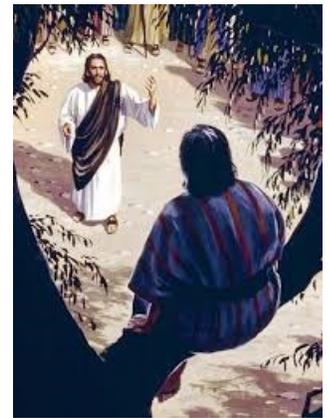
In this instance, Zacchaeus was a socially marginalized man. He was wealthy but was a tax collector, a traitorous and sinful position to be had in Biblical times. Jesus saw beyond the social stigma and grumbling, beyond the sin, and into the very heart of a human individual. What is more, is that when Christ stopped and dined with Zacchaeus, He found a heart that yearned to repent. Zacchaeus did not need societal judgment to know his own transgressions, for he was ready to do justice for those he had offended.

In Christ's footsteps, one can approach life through pure and equal vision, free from the filters of prejudices, oppression, and other presupposed judgments. In Zacchaeus' footsteps, one can always turn from unjust actions and towards justice.

We are made in Christ's image and it is our responsibility and duty to continue on with His mission to seek out those who remain hidden in the margins of society, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Lord Jesus is always ready to make his home with each one of us. Do you make room for him in your heart and in every area of your life?

Don Schwager - [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net)



*Luke 19:1-10*

#### Let us Pray:

**"Lord Jesus, come and stay with me. Fill my life with your peace, my home with your presence, and my heart with your praise. Help me to show kindness, mercy, and goodness to all, even to those who cause me ill-will or harm." Amen**

### Ministry Fair Update



Thank you to all those who helped with the Ministry Fair last weekend and attended every Mass to answer questions in the hopes that new people would sign up to serve in the many ministries in our Parish. We had 4000 parishioners that attended the Masses on Saturday and Sunday and 78 people signed up for the ministries...that is 1.95% who signed up. We are hopeful that people will continue to support and help, as we are in desperate need of Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. If we cannot ensure we have committed volunteers to serve at the Masses, we may have to revise our Mass times once again. Please be generous, participate, help, and serve the Lord with all your heart.

## Catechesis Corner

(For the week of Nov 2-8, 2019)

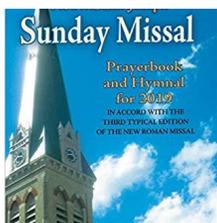
We just came out of time of celebration on All Saints with the Vigil celebration of All Saints on the evening of October 31st, and the celebration of All Saints during the day (Nov. 1st) and a prayer for the souls of departed Christian brothers and sisters on Nov. 2nd with “All Souls”. This is a very high point in the year where we remember heaven and purgatory and the things “not of this world”. This does not end with celebration of the Vigil of All Saints, All Saints and All Souls, but rather the themes continue in the Masses whereby we celebrate important saints during the month of November, leading to the end of the liturgical year. This corresponds to the fact our minds are on heaven and the reality to come as the Church year goes on until the culmination of the whole year, which is the celebration of Christ, King of the Universe.

So let the “hallowed days” starting with the Vigil of All Saints, Oct. 31st to All Souls on Nov. 2nd never end as we relish in the importance of belief in the world to come. We leave you with an ancient hymn from the liturgy of All Saints Day, **To Christ the Glorious:**

To Christ, the Glorious, let our white-robed bands  
Sing hymns upon this holy festival,  
Extolling all the company of Saints.  
First, let our voice be heard in Mary's praise,  
Through whom the Prize of Life to us accrues.  
O Queen, who art both Mother and pure Virgin,  
Gain pardon through Thy Son for our transgressions.  
May the blest angels' holy congregation,  
And glorious archangelic company,  
Blot out our sins and set us high in heaven.

Thou prophet, herald, light, and more than Prophet,  
Lighten our path, and purify our bodies;  
Prince of Apostles, with thy holy band,  
Confirm, we pray, the hearts of all in truth.  
O glorious Stephen, with thy glittering crown,  
And all the noble army of Martyrs,  
Grant us bold hearts, strengthen our mortal bodies,  
That holy Cross the enemy may vanquish.  
Great St. Martin, and the company of Bishops,  
Our meek petitions graciously accept...

Virgin once great with child,  
Holy, and chaste, devoted to the Lord,  
Preserve our souls and purify our bodies.  
May monks, uplifting venerable voices,  
And all the confraternities of Saints,  
Govern our times by their unceasing prayers,  
And lead us to true joys in heaven above:  
**Let the redeemed devoutly say, Amen.**



Our new liturgical cycle, Year A, begins on December 1st, the first Sunday of Advent. New 2020 Sunday Missals can be purchased for \$5 at the Knights of Columbus table in the Narthex after all the Masses, while supplies last.



A Mass for people with special needs will be held on **Sunday, November 3rd at the 4:00pm Mass.** A reception, hosted by The Knights of Columbus, will follow in the Main Hall. All are welcome to join us for cake, coffee and juice.

**Store Cards** are available in the narthex every weekend. Your participation helps to support Parish Ministries and the needy. A portion of the proceeds goes towards our Building Fund.

## Mass Intentions

November 2nd - 8th, 2019

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Saturday	November 2	9:00 AM	Monica O'Keefe (+)
Saturday	November 2	5:00 PM	Paul Fernandes Family (+)
Sunday	November 3	8:00 AM	SI of Gonsalves Family
Sunday	November 3	10:00 AM	Carlos Ramon Alvarado (+)
Sunday	November 3	12:00 PM	Maddalena Antonio (+)
Sunday	November 3	4:00 PM	Mass for Parishioners
Monday	November 4	9:00 AM	Virginia Adriano (+)
Tuesday	November 5	9:00 AM	William Bumanlag (+)
Tuesday	November 5	6:30 PM	Jorge Antonio Lozano (+)
Wednesday	November 6	9:00 AM	SI of Elaine Ho
Wednesday	November 6	6:30 PM	Benjamine & Susana Gallardo (+)
Thursday	November 7	9:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory (+)
Thursday	November 7	6:30 PM	Jorge Antonio Lozano (+)
Friday	November 8	9:00 AM	SI of Dr. Zamarino & Guiomar Jaramillo
Friday	November 8	6:30 PM	Dennise Day (+)



## Christians of the Holy Land - Hand Carved Items Sale

The Christians of the Holy Land will be visiting our Parish on the weekend of November 16th & 17th. A display of olive wood religious goods will be available in the Main Hall after all Masses. All the items are locally hand carved in the Holy Land and are made by local Catholics living in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Leo Qumsieh, a native Catholic born in the Holy Land, invites all parishioners to the display. Please stop by the Main Hall after all Masses to see part of the Holy Land here in our Parish.



### 2019 National Pro-Life Conference – Change is in the Air!

This conference will both inspire you and equip you to become part of the exciting change that is here in Canada! It will be held at the Executive Royal Hotel in Calgary from Nov 8-9. For more information call 1-866-780-5433 or visit our website at [www.lifecanada.org/changeisintheair](http://www.lifecanada.org/changeisintheair)

### Physicians for Life

If you are a medical student or a physician, we invite you to look at the following link: [www.physiciansforlife.ca/](http://www.physiciansforlife.ca/) We are the generation that is working hard to preserve and protect human life!

We ask St. Joseph the patron saint of Canada to pray for us.

## Finance Report - at a glance...

Gifts to the Parish	October 2019	
	Week	43
Offerings for the Week:	22-Oct-19	28-Oct-19
	Last Week	YTD
<b>General Collections:</b>		
Collections	11,435	500,161
Operating Cost	17,500	632,400
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Operating Cost	(6,065)	(132,239)
<b>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage):</b>		
Building Fund Collections	3,531	389,235
2019 Pledges	0	103,004
Donor Wall	2,500	125,000
Weekly Loan Payment	12,400	515,550
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	(6,369)	101,689
<b>Diocesan Annual Campaign:</b>		
<b>Together In Action</b>		
2019 Collections	2,320	39,540
2019 Target		57,093
Remaining towards 2019 Goal		17,553
<b>Collections in our Diocese:</b>		
World Mission Sunday	3,692	3,697
Holy Childhood	320	11,008

## THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS / November



### Universal – Communication & Reconciliation

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



**PASS IT ON GIVEAWAY WAS A SUCCESS!!** Thank you to all volunteers and to those who generously donated coats and boots for the PASS IS ON clothing Giveaway held on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Father Lacombe High School in Calgary. The Diocesan goal was to collect 700 coats and 700 pairs of boots for the Giveaway, and we received 1,535 coats and 285 pairs of boots through the drop-off sites at the following parishes: St. Michael's, St. Cecilia's, Ascension, St Pius X and Holy Spirit. **You have made a difference to the 1,145 who needed these winter items.**

## Parish Staff

- Pastor: **Fr. Avinash Colaco**
- Associates:  
**Fr. Rodel Abanto**  
**Fr. Adrian Martens**
- Deacon: **Patrick Woo**
- Secretary: **Nancy Mitchell**
- Receptionist: **Angelina Ling**
- Sacraments: **Monica Purnama**
- Baptisms: **Jenn Pashula**
- Youth: **Vicki Hayles**
- Bookkeeper: **Nora Alzamora Torres**
- Custodian: **Jose Gil**
- Evening Staff: **David Cadegan**
- Resource Coordinator: **Sharron Robinson (Volunteer Position)**
- Office Assist (**Volunteer Position**)

## Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Lunch: 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

## Sacraments

**Baptism for Infants:** Baptisms are celebrated on the **2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays** of each month after the 12:00 PM Mass at 1:30 PM. Please call Jenn at 403.275.2240 or email [baptism@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:baptism@ascensionparish.ca) to register.

**Baptism Preparation Class:** Preparation classes take place on the **1st Saturday** of each month at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Parents are to attend the class at least 3 weeks prior to the Baptism Celebration. Please call Jenn at 403.275.2240 or email [baptism@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:baptism@ascensionparish.ca) to register.

**First Holy Communion (Gr. 2 & up):** Registration is closed for 2019. Please register your child in September 2020.

**First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up):** Registration is closed for 2019. Please register your child in September 2020.

**Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up):** Registration is closed for 2019. Please register your child in October 2020.

**Marriage:** By appointment, 6 months in advance. Call the office.

**Marriage Preparation Class: 3rd Friday & Saturday of each month** (some exceptions apply). Registration fee is \$100 per couple and includes course materials, snacks and lunch. To register please email Ferdie: [marriageprepatascension@gmail.com](mailto:marriageprepatascension@gmail.com)

**RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
For more information contact the Church office.

**RCIA SPONSORS:** We are seeking sponsors to assist RCIA catechumens as they become familiar with the Christian way of life. Contact Rob at [robkehrig@gmail.com](mailto:robkehrig@gmail.com) for information.

**Anointing of the Sick & Dying: Call the Parish office at 403.275.2240**

**Outside of the office hours,** please call 403.275.2240.

When prompted, press 2 for Fr. Avinash, press 3 for Fr. Rodel, press 4 for Fr. Adrian (Thursdays & Fridays).

Please leave a detailed message. The priest will return your call.

## Ministry Contacts

### Sacraments

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